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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 4 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Dagami, Leyte.

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that Section 10 of the subject Ordinance is in contravention with Section 447(a)(1)(iii)[1] of the Local Government Code. Hence, further review of the Ordinance is recommended.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

[1] iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both in the discretion of the court, for the violation of a municipal ordinance;

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1st Indorsement
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 04, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Dagami, Leyte, entitled, "An Ordinance prohibiting child labor and regulating child work practices in the Municipality of Dagami, Leyte, in support of the Philippine Program Against Child Labor (PPACL) of the Department of Labor and Employment, Regional Office3 No. VIII.**

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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Thru: The Secretary
To the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

"Respectfully submitted herewith are sixteen (16) sets of the following five (5) Ordinances, to wit:

1. **AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CHILD LABOR AND REGULATING CHILD WORK PRACTICES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAGAMI, LEYTE, IN SUPPORT OF THE PHILIPPINE PROGRAM AGAINST CHILD LABOR (PPACL) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII.,**

Ord No. 04 S. 2026

2. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 03-2026, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE EXTRACTION OF SAND AND GRAVEL WITH INSPECTION FEES.,**

ORD No. 09 S. 2026

3. **AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING KATUWANG SA DIWA AT GAWA PARA SA MASAGANANG ANI AT MATAAS NA KITA (KADIWA) NG PANGULO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERETO.,**

ORD #12 S. 2026

4. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DE- ANNEXATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAGAMI, LEYTE FROM THE SERVICE AREA COVERAGE OF THE LEYTE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (LMWD) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.,**

ORD #14 S. 2026

5. **AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE SALE, SERVING, FURNISHING, DISTRIBUTION, PURCHASE, POSSESSION, AND ACCESS OF MINORS TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAGAMI, LEYTE, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, PROVIDING ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

ORD #15, S. 2026

FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL 6. ORD #13 S. 2026 – Mun. Hygiene & Sanitation Code

THANK YOU AND MORE POWER.

Very Truly Yours;

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 8TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF DAGAMI, LEYTE, HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 23, 2026, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

Present:

Hon. Homobono U. Bardillon	-	Mun. Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Floradima N. Bud-oy	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Andres Bryan M. Bayona	-	-do-
Hon. Susan O. Mendoza	-	-do-
Hon. Caridad B. Cabidog	-	-do-
Hon. Reynaldo U. Gerona	-	-do-
Hon. Jericho O. Cabidog	-	-do-
Hon. Alvaro P. Loreno, Jr.	-	-do-

On Travel:

Hon. Dan Joseph D. Berino	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Arvin M. Delusa	-	ABC President/Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Jameson C. Madalina	-	SK Fed. Pres./Ex-Officio Member

Absent:

NONE

ORDINANCE NO. 04, SERIES OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CHILD LABOR AND REGULATING CHILD WORK PRACTICES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAGAMI, LEYTE, IN SUPPORT OF THE PHILIPPINE PROGRAM AGAINST CHILD LABOR (PPACL) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Dagami, Leyte, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the **"Dagami Anti-Child Labor Ordinance of 2026."**

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Dagami, Leyte, to:

a) Uphold and protect the fundamental rights of children to survival, development, protection, and participation;

b) Ensure that no child within the jurisdiction of the Municipality is subjected to economic exploitation or to any work that is hazardous, harmful, or prejudicial to their health, safety, morals, or normal development;

c) Support and localize the implementation of the Philippine Program Against Child Labor (PPACL) of the Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office No. VIII;

d) Align local measures with national laws, including Republic Act No. 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act), as amended by Republic Act No. 9231, and other relevant statutes and issuances.

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SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES

This Ordinance aims to:

1. Prevent and eliminate all forms of child labor in the Municipality of Dagami;
2. Identify, monitor, and assist child laborers and those at risk;
3. Strengthen coordination among local government offices, barangays, schools, civil society organizations, and national government agencies;
4. Provide mechanisms for reporting, rescue, rehabilitation, and reintegration of affected children; and
5. Promote awareness and advocacy against child labor.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Ordinance:

a) **Child** – A person below eighteen (18) years of age.

b) **Child Labor** – Any work or economic activity performed by a child that is prohibited under existing laws, or that deprives the child of education, or is hazardous to the child's health, safety, or morals.

c) **Worst Forms of Child Labor** – Includes but is not limited to slavery, trafficking, debt bondage, forced labor, use of children in prostitution or pornography, illicit activities, and hazardous work as defined by law and regulations of the Department of Labor and Employment.

d) **Hazardous Work** – Work which, by its nature or circumstances, is likely to harm the health, safety, or morals of a child.

e) **Employer/Establishment** – Any person, entity, or business operating within the Municipality that hires or engages workers.

f) **PPACL** – Refers to the Philippine Program Against Child Labor implemented by the Department of Labor and Employment.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITED ACTS

It shall be unlawful for any person, employer, or entity within the Municipality of Dagami to:

a) Employ or engage a child below fifteen (15) years of age, except under conditions expressly allowed by law;

b) Employ a child in hazardous work or in the worst forms of child labor;

c) Allow a child to work in conditions that interfere with schooling, including excessive working hours or night work;

d) Conceal, misrepresent, or falsify the age of a child worker;

e) Recruit, transport, transfer, harbor, or receive a child for purposes of exploitation.

SECTION 6. REGULATION OF ALLOWABLE CHILD WORK

In cases where employment of children is permitted by law (e.g., family businesses or supervised artistic performances), the following conditions shall be strictly observed:

1. The work shall not endanger the child's life, safety, health, or morals;
2. The work shall not prejudice schooling;
3. Written consent of the child's parent or legal guardian shall be secured;
4. Appropriate work permits, when required by law, shall be obtained from the proper authorities;

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5. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) shall be notified and shall conduct periodic monitoring.

SECTION 7. CREATION/ STRENGTHENING OF THE MUNICIPAL CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE (MCLC)

There is hereby created or strengthened a Municipal Child Labor Committee (MCLC), composed of:

- Municipal Mayor – Chairperson
- Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer – Vice Chairperson
- Municipal Health Officer
- Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
- Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Manager
- DepEd District Representative
- Philippine National Police (PNP) Representative
- Liga ng mga Barangay President
- Accredited Civil Society Organization Representative

The MCLC shall:

a) Formulate and implement a Local Action Plan Against Child Labor aligned with PPACL;

b) Conduct profiling and maintain a database of child laborers;

c) Facilitate rescue and referral services;

d) Submit annual reports to the appropriate offices, including the Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office No. VIII.

SECTION 8. BARANGAY RESPONSIBILITIES

All Barangays within the Municipality of Dagami shall:

a) Establish Barangay Child Protection Committees;

b) Monitor and report cases of child labor;

c) Conduct advocacy campaigns and community education activities.

SECTION 9. REPORTING AND COMPLAINT MECHANISM

Any person may report suspected cases of child labor to:

- The Barangay Council
- The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office
- The Philippine National Police
- The Public Employment Service Office

Reports may be treated confidentially to protect the identity of the informant and the child.

SECTION 10. PENALTIES

Any person found guilty of violating this Ordinance shall, upon due process:

a) For the first offense – A fine of not less than Three Thousand Pesos (₱3,000.00) but not more than Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00) and/or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days at the discretion of the court;

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b) For the second offense – A fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00) but not more than Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) and/or imprisonment of not more than sixty (60) days;

c) For the third and subsequent offenses – Revocation of business permit, in addition to applicable fines and imprisonment, without prejudice to prosecution under national laws.

SECTION 11. INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

The Municipality shall coordinate closely with the Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office No. VIII, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Department of Education, and other concerned agencies for technical assistance, rescue operations, and program implementation.

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION

An initial amount to be determined by the Sangguniang Bayan shall be allocated annually in the Municipal Budget to support programs, monitoring, rescue operations, and advocacy campaigns under this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Dagami, Leyte.

ENACTED this 23rd day of February, 2026, at Dagami, Leyte.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

FLOR G. YAP
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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